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SUBJ: PETROLEUM: RAZALEIGH NAMED CHAIRMAN OF PETRONAS  
(NATIONAL PETROLEUM CO.)

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 3449, B. KUALA LUMPUR 3843

C. KUALA LUMPUR A-116, SEPTEMBER 3, 1974

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1. PRIME MINISTER TUN RAZAK ANNOUNCED 5 SEP AT PRESS CONFERENCE NAMING NEW CABINET THAT TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH IS CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF PETRONAS (NATION PETROLEUM CO). RAZAK EMPHASIZED THAT CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF PETRONAS EQUIVALENT TO CABINET MINISTER AND THAT JOB AS IMPORTANT AS CABINET MINISTER. AS CHAIRMAN PETRONAS, RAZALEIGH RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO PM (REF C TRANSMITTED COPY OF ACT ESTABLISHING PETRONAS).

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2. TENGKU RAZALEIGH, 36, IS NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT OF UMNO. HE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF PERNAS, QUASI-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES FOR INDIGENOUS MALAYS (BUMIPUTRAS), IN 1970 AND EARLIER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN BANK BUMIPUTRA, LATTER OF WHICH HE WILL RETAIN. END UNCLASSIFIED BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. COMMENT: IN ELEVATING RAZALEIGH TO AN UMNO VICE-PRESIDENCY LATE JULY, RAZAK SEEMINGLY PUT HIM INTO DIRECT LINE OF SUCCESSION FOR TOP PARTY LEADERSHIP BEHIND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN. RAZALEIGH ALSO HEADS IMPORTANT KELANTAN STATE DIVISION OF UMNO. APPOINTMENT TO PETRONAS OF RAZALEIGH, IN WHOM RAZAK HAS GREAT TRUST, AGAIN CONFIRMS IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH GOM VIEWS DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM AND PETROCHMICAL INDUSTRIES AND INDICATES HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION THESE SECTORS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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